

REMARKS

The Examiner states that the response filed on August 26, 2009 was not fully responsive because it failed to point out which newly added claims read on the species elected in the response filed on October 2, 2007.

As explained in the response filed on August 26, 2009, new claims 54-56 mirror claims 28, 29, and 36 except that they recite the conjugation as a positive step. Therefore they are readable on the elected first block copolymer in the original claim 3. Claim 57 depends from claim 54 and recites an amino-terminated PEG which is readable on the elected conjugate in the original claim 7. Therefore all new claims 54-57 are readable on the elected species.

Applicants believe that the Office Action of June 3, 2009 is now fully responded. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-1850. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and authorize payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 07-1850.

Respectfully submitted,

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